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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING POOL SAFETY AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "school swimming pool" means an artificial basin constructed
3 of concrete, steel, fiberglass or other relatively impervious material that
4 is provided with a controlled water supply and is approved by a local
5 or regional board of education for student aquatic activities, including,
6 but not limited to, swimming recreation, instruction, practice and
7 competition.
- 8 (b) No person shall act as a swimming coach, instructor or teacher at
9 a school swimming pool unless such person (1) is certified as a
10 lifeguard and water safety instructor by the American Red Cross, the
11 Young Men's Christian Association or another nationally recognized
12 organization that conducts aquatic training programs, (2) is certified in
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
14 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
15 time, and (3) has completed a course in first aid and on the use of an
16 automatic external defibrillator offered by the American Red Cross, the

17 American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any
18 director of health, as certified by the agency or director of health
19 offering the course.

20 (c) Whenever a school swimming pool is used by one or more
21 students for aquatic activities, including, but not limited to, swimming
22 recreation, instruction, lessons, practice or competition, there shall be
23 at least one person present, in addition to any swimming coach,
24 instructor, teacher or other person conducting or supervising such
25 aquatic activities, whose primary responsibility is to monitor such
26 school swimming pool for swimmers who are in distress. Such person
27 shall (1) be certified as a lifeguard by the American Red Cross, the
28 Young Men's Christian Association or another nationally recognized
29 organization that conducts aquatic training programs, (2) be certified
30 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
31 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
32 time, and (3) have completed a course in first aid and on the use of an
33 automatic external defibrillator offered by the American Red Cross, the
34 American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any
35 director of health, as certified by the agency or director of health
36 offering the course.

37 (d) Each local or regional board of education that allows student
38 aquatic activities at a school swimming pool shall, not later than July 1,
39 2014, develop a pool safety plan that ensures compliance with this
40 section and includes any other provisions deemed necessary and
41 appropriate for ensuring the safety of students who use such school
42 swimming pool for aquatic activities. Such pool safety plan shall be
43 reviewed and updated as necessary prior to the commencement of
44 each school year.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2013 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a uniform policy regarding school pool safety so as to reduce the loss of life or injury related to swimming at public schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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